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Water Quality

[Flint colleges focus on educating prospects on water](#)

By Kim Kozlowski, Detroit News 04/11/16 12:51 AM

As college recruitment season gets underway, Flint's higher education institutions are stepping up efforts to let prospective students know the water on campus is safe. Not all areas of Flint have been affected by elevated lead levels in the water — a message university officials say is not getting out. As they recruit, college officials are publicizing steps they have taken to address problems and stressing that lead has minimally affected their drinking water — or, in some cases, not at all.

[Top lead researcher to present Flint data Tuesday](#)

By Matthew Dolan, Detroit Free Press 04/09/16 9:51 PM

One of the nation's leading researchers on lead contamination is expected to release details of his latest findings on the Flint water crisis Tuesday. Marc Edwards, Virginia Tech University's Flint Water Study team leader and a key player in exposing the lead contamination of Flint's drinking water, said in an e-mail late Friday that he expects his results of his eight-month study based on hundreds of water samples to be disclosed at an 11 a.m. presentation at the university.

[Water Defense investigator talks bathing during Flint water crisis](#)

By Amanda Emery, MLIVE 04/09/16 4:31 PM

Flint residents gathered Saturday to listen to a member of the Water Defense talk about the bathing and drinking the water during the water crisis. Scott Smith, Chief Technology Officer and Investigator from the Water Defense, spoke to 50 Flint residents at St. Michael's Church on Saturday, April 9 during the Flint Rising community meeting.

Experts call filtered Flint water safe, but not for all

By Matthew Dolan, Detroit Free Press 04/09/16 12:35 PM

The months-long Flint water crisis may have reached a turning point Friday after early findings from a group of experts showed improving water quality in the city that should reassure most residents they can drink from their taps if they use a proper filter. And the official recommendation also comes with one important caveat: Bottled water is still advised for at-risk residents, including pregnant women and small children.

Group fears bathing risks in Flint water

By Jim Lynch & Jacob Carah, Detroit News 04/08/16 11:31 PM

Federal regulators are re-assessing Flint's water quality amid new questions about the safety of bathing and showering in it. While no conclusive evidence has emerged indicating widespread dangers, a small sample of water tests conducted by a nonprofit has highlighted gaps, it believes, in the testing and water quality monitoring being used in the beleaguered city.

Fire Hydrant Flushing

Automatic hydrant flushing next step in ending Flint water crisis

By Gary Ridley, MLIVE 04/11/16 1:00 PM

Automatic flushing devices will be placed on some fire hydrants around the city in an attempt to spread disinfection and corrosion control chemicals through the water system, which is still trying to recover from the ongoing water crisis. The city announced Monday, April 11, that it would place the devices on 15 hydrants throughout the city.

Flushing fire hydrants in Flint part of recovery plan

By Matthew Dolan, Detroit Free Press 04/11/16 10:52 AM

In a city with some of the highest water rates in the nation, Flint officials said today there should be no need for alarm about leaking fire hydrants. That's because starting today the City of Flint, in collaboration with Environmental Protection Agency, plans to flush water automatically out of 15 fire hydrants in an effort to help heal the city's drinking water system plagued by high levels of lead.

Flint to 'flush' hydrants in push for water quality

By Jonathan Oosting, Detroit News 04/11/16 10:36 AM

Flint is working with the federal Environmental Protection Agency to install automatic "flushing" devices on fire hydrants throughout the city, the latest step in an ongoing effort toward recovery from the ongoing water crisis. Mayor Karen Weaver's office announced the new initiative Monday, saying an initial batch of 15 devices will be programmed to release a "low, controlled flow" of water from select hydrants, mostly at night.

Legionnaires' Disease

Legionnaires'-associated deaths grows to 12 in Flint area

By Elisha Anderson, Detroit Free Press 04/11/16 5:48 PM

State health officials have increased the number of deaths associated with an outbreak of Legionnaires' disease in the Flint area to 12, up from 10. "To date, 91 cases and 12 deaths have been identified in total for 2014 and 2015 in Genesee County," Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Chief Medical Executive Dr. Eden Wells said in a statement released Monday.

Michigan Finds 2 More Legionnaires' Deaths in Flint Area

By David Eggert AP for ABC News 04/11/16 5:31 PM

Michigan health authorities reported Monday they have identified two more fatal cases of Legionnaires' disease in the Flint area last year amid an outbreak some outside experts have linked to the city's water emergency. The additional 2015 deaths are among 12 detected in Genesee County over a 17-month period. In an updated analysis, the state Department of Health

and Human Services raised the total number of cases by three to 91, a five-fold increase over what the county averaged before the city switched to using the Flint River as its water source in 2014 while under state financial management.

Death toll for Flint-area Legionnaires' cases climbs to 12

By Molly Young, MLIVE 04/11/16 2:59 PM

The number of Flint-area deaths from Legionnaires' Disease has climbed to 12 after the state received new data from area hospitals showing three more cases, including two that were fatal. The cases were reported between May and October 2015 and were discovered when officials from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services reviewed hospital testing data recently submitted to the department, according to an MDHHS news release.

Search Legionnaires' disease cases by county

By Kristi Tanner & Elisha Anderson, Detroit Free Press 04/11/16 1:35 PM

Genesee County had the highest rate of Legionnaires' disease cases and total fatalities among Michigan counties in 2014 and 2015. Statewide, there were a total of 485 cases a rate of 4.9 cases per 100,000 residents and 43 deaths, according to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Genesee's rate was more than four times higher at 22.1 per 100,000 residents. The rate of cases per 100,000 residents in Macomb and Oakland County was 5.6 and 2.9, respectively.

Legionnaires' death toll in Flint rises by 2 to 12

By Chad Livengood, Detroit News 04/11/16 1:18 PM

The state of Michigan increased the death toll from Legionnaires' disease in the Flint area by two on Monday, two days before Health and Human Services Director Nick Lyon is set to testify before Congress. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services said the number of deaths from the respiratory disease is now 12 out of 91 cases. The updated report included three new cases of Legionnaires' disease, with two of them resulting in deaths.

Why were officials silent on Legionnaires' in Flint?

By Elisha Anderson, Detroit Free Press 04/10/16 9:38 PM

Nelda Hunt passed out on her 80th birthday last summer, was rushed to McLaren Flint hospital and died 11 days later, after being diagnosed with Legionnaires' disease. Her family, like others, didn't know about an outbreak of the disease – a severe type of pneumonia – that was quietly plaguing the Flint area for more than a year before the Clio woman's death.

Faces of Legionnaires' cases in the Flint area

By Elisha Anderson, Detroit Free Press 04/09/16 11:42 PM

They lived in various cities, died in different places and had a range of passions in life, including making homemade wine, traveling, farming, doing needlepoint, playing cards, fishing, cooking and cheering on the Detroit Tigers. But all shared the same diagnosis: Legionnaires' disease.

Flint Hearing

Two Snyder department heads called to testify on Flint water crisis

By Ron Fonger, MLIVE 04/11/16 4:57 PM

Two top aides to Gov. Rick Snyder are headed to Washington to testify about the Flint water crisis. A witness list published by the U.S. House's Energy and Commerce Committee for a hearing Wednesday, April 13, includes Department of Health and Human Services Director Nick Lyon and Department of Environmental Quality Director Keith Creagh as well as health professionals like Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha.

DEQ, health officials to testify in Congress on Flint

By Matthew Dolan & Kathleen Gray, Detroit Free Press 04/11/16 4:52 PM

The leaders of Michigan's health and environmental protection departments are among nine witnesses expected to testify before Congress on Wednesday on the impact and lessons learned from the Flint water crisis. As the city continues to wrestle with a state of emergency that has kept residents from drinking water straight from the tap for months, a subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing to try to learn about the infrastructure issues in Flint and look at the short- and long-term health implications of the city's lead-contaminated water on residents.

Mich. health director to testify before Congress

By Chad Livengood & Jonathan Oosting, Detroit News 04/11/16 11:23 AM

The leaders of Michigan's departments of health and human services and environmental quality are scheduled to testify Wednesday before a congressional committee about Flint's water crisis. The U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee plans to call Health and Human Services Director Nick Lyon to testify during a 10 a.m. Wednesday hearing on Capitol Hill.

Week ahead: Flint fight resumes

By Devin Henry, The Hill 04/11/16 6:00 AM

The House and Senate are both in town after the lower chamber returns from its two-week recess. Lawmakers are scheduled to jump back into the congressional fight over the water crisis in Flint, Mich. Two House Energy and Commerce subcommittees -- those focusing on the environment and health -- plan to hold a joint hearing Wednesday on the fallout from the lead contamination of the city's water supply.

Flint water crisis focus of another Congressional hearing this week

By John McNeill, WIN 98.5 04/10/16 6:16 AM

The line-up of witnesses for Wednesday's Congressional Hearing on the Flint Water Crisis has been announced. Congressman Fred Upton will be chairing the session of the Energy and Commerce Committee and he says the time for finger pointing is past. He said they will be looking for solutions, not only to the water crisis, but how to get the various governmental agencies addressing the problem to work together better.

Governor Snyder

Snyder: 'Career bureaucrats' to blame for Flint crisis

By Holly Fournier, Detroit News 04/11/16 4:32 PM

Gov. Rick Snyder on Monday laid blame for Flint's water crisis squarely on the shoulders of "career bureaucrats" with "an absolute lack of common sense." The city's water became lead poisoned after a "handful" of state employees opted against implementing \$150 per day in chemicals to protect aging lead pipes from corrosive Flint River water, the governor said.

Gov. Snyder says staff misled him about Flint water

By Robert Allen, Detroit Free Press 04/11/16 2:20 PM

The night before he learned about the Flint water crisis, Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder said he received a briefing "telling me that there really isn't a problem in Flint. That these outside experts aren't correct." The next day, Sept. 28, 2015, he had a conference call with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Department of Health and Human Services.

Michigan governor: Staffers lied about Flint water crisis

By Timothy Cama, The Hill 04/11/16 12:22 PM

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder (R) is accusing his staffers of lying to him about lead and other contaminants in Flint's drinking water supply. Snyder has long accused state environmental and health regulators of giving him incorrect information about the safety of the Michigan city's water after its switch to using the Flint River in April 2014 until late last year. But on Monday, he accused employees at the state agencies of lying to him.

Recall campaign targets Michigan governor Rick Snyder amid Flint water crisis

By Ryan Felton, RAW Story 04/11/16 10:47 AM

In late January 2015, Michigan governor Rick Snyder sent an email to several aides with a list of priorities he wanted his administration to tackle in the forthcoming year. "At least we can't be accused of slowing down in term two," the governor wrote. "Dog years are alive and well!" The phrase highlighted the Republican's insistence on reinventing the way Michigan's government functioned at an expeditious pace.

Snyder spokesman: EM law being reviewed, Flint decisions not based on race

By WKAR Current State for the Great Lakes Echo 04/10/16 10:00 PM

The Flint water crisis has dominated Michigan news for months, but even by that standard, the last two weeks have been eventful. A much anticipated report from Gov. Rick Snyder's Flint Water Advisory Task Force emphasized the role of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in the failure. Still, the Governor was not spared.

Gov. Snyder to take questions at Pancakes and Politics

By Carol Cain, Detroit Free Press 04/10/16 1:00 PM

The 500 leaders from business, politics and education who secured tickets to the long-sold out event will be waiting to hear from the man in the eye of the storm of the Flint water crisis. When Gov. Rick Snyder takes to the stage at Michigan Chronicle's "Pancakes and Politics" event Monday at the Detroit Athletic Club, he'll continue the tradition of speakers generating headlines from the forums.

Other News

Three places to go -- and one to avoid -- for Flint water distribution

By Molly Young, MLIVE 04/11/16 5:01 PM

Flint Fire Station 6 on Pierson Road will stop distributing water this week but three new water resource sites will take its place. Water resources will no longer be available at Station 6 as of Wednesday, April 13, as the first phase of a transition, according to Anna Heaton, spokeswoman for Governor Rick Snyder.

Michael Moore spoke on Flint water crisis and Gov. Snyder

By Samantha Macy, Western Herald 04/11/16 4:23 PM

In his speech, "It Only Hurts When I Laugh" Michael Moore opened by saying "We're living in a very strange time, politically, and in many other ways." On Wednesday, April 6, Moore spoke at Miller Auditorium in a kickoff to the Lewis Walker Institute's 2016 Moore has directed 10 documentaries and written eight books about various social issues in America. His most recent film is "Where to Invade Next," which follows him through visits to different countries in Europe and Africa, highlighting different ideas the U.S. could steal from those countries.

Flint Offers a New Model for Accountability

By Louise Lief, Huffington Post 04/11/16 10:44 AM

A couple of weeks ago, the task force Michigan governor Rick Snyder appointed to investigate Flint's now infamous water crisis issued its long-awaited report. The findings detailed failures in

multiple government agencies to address high levels of lead, a neurotoxin, in the city's water. To cut costs, in the spring of 2014 Flint's state-appointed emergency manager had switched the city's water supply from Detroit's system to the more polluted Flint river and kept it there, despite community protests, for 18 months.

Flint water crisis continues, local pastor visits Cleveland for conference on issue

By Lauren Wilson, Newsnet 5 04/08/16 5:56 PM [video clip]

Drinking out of the water fountain is something Pastor Jeffery Hawkins hasn't been able to do for almost two years. "I am grateful to be in Cleveland to be able to do that. It's still upsetting that I have to go somewhere to be able to do that," he said.

Beyond Flint

Schools Test Water For Lead In Response To Water Crisis In Flint, Michigan

By Science World Report 04/11/16 3:55 AM

The current issue of a water crisis in Flint, Michigan prompts the school officials nationwide to test water from the eatery faucets and classroom sinks for lead. This is to ensure the safety of the citizens especially the students from any harm that lead may bring. About a fraction of daycare centers and school across the country are necessitated for lead testing. The federal and state lawmakers called for urgency for the said testing. On the other hand, approximately 90,000 of them--those that receive water from the municipality systems are not entailed to take the lead testing, according to Environmental Protection Agency.

Nation's water systems rife with lead issues

By Ryan J. Foley, AP for Detroit News 04/11/16 12:05 AM

This railroad town promotes its ties to Abraham Lincoln, Ronald Reagan and the poet Carl Sandburg. But Galesburg's long history also shows in a hidden way: Aging pipes have been leaking lead into the drinking water for decades. Blood tests show cause for concern. One in 20 children younger than 6 in Knox County had lead levels exceeding the state standard for public health intervention, a rate six times higher than the Illinois average, in 2014.

A look at the federal rule regarding lead

By Ryan J. Foley, AP for Detroit News 04/11/16 12:50 AM

A federal rule that took effect in 1991 is designed to protect the public from unsafe levels of lead in drinking water.

Unsafe lead amounts found in hundreds of schools' water

By John Seewer, Detroit News 04/09/16 7:42 PM

Responding to the crisis in Flint, Michigan, school officials across the country are testing classroom sinks and cafeteria faucets for lead, trying to uncover any concealed problems and to reassure anxious parents. Just a fraction of schools and day care centers nationwide are required to check for lead because most receive their water from municipal systems that test at other locations. State and federal lawmakers have called for wider testing.

Area lead levels watched at schools, businesses in wake of Flint water crisis

By Lorri Drumm, Meadville Tribune, 04/09/16

The water crisis in Flint, Michigan, has left many across the nation wondering if their tap water was as crystal clear as it appears. There's no indication that Crawford County residents should fear what comes out of their faucets, but test results have some calling for reforms to lead testing in both water and people.

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